AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

- 1-12 (cancelled)
- (currently amended) The A cylinder head gasket comprising: 13. a body, being generally flat and having a first surface, a second surface, and at least one cylinger hole therethrough;

an encapsulant generally coating the first surface, the second surface and a perimeter of the at least one cylinder hole; and

a light colored pigment intermixed with the encapsulant to thereby create a light color encapsulant that has a brightness above 75 on a CIE L"A"B color and brightness rating system;

said gasket of claim 1 further including an armor assembled to the body adjacent to the at least one cylinder hold hole; and a generally translucent topcoat generally coating the encapsulant and the armor.

14-30 (cancelled)